

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 11, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, July 11, 2005 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Davalos called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Davalos  
Commissioner Freeman  
Commissioner Gravely  
Commissioner Rodriguez  
Commissioner ZeBrack

President Davalos introduced and welcomed new Commissioner Elise ZeBrack, who represents the Third District. Introduction of the audience followed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Davalos reviewed a report on the outcomes of the 2004-05 Commission Retreat. She also spoke on a newspaper article about cruel punishments for adultery.

(Commissioner Creary joined the meeting.)

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Staff reported the following on the ending Commission trust fund balances for the 2004-05 Fiscal Year:

#### **2004-05 Ending Balances:**

Commissioners' Fund 2004-05 Fiscal Year	\$20,223.05
President's Fund 2004-05 Fiscal Year	\$ 931.00
Awards Fund 2004-05 Fiscal Year	\$ 1,000.00
Domestic Violence Grants	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Year-End Balance	\$22,154.02

2005 Women of the Year Reception Preliminary Net Proceeds	<u>\$16,616.72</u>
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<b>Total Revenue for 2005-06 Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$38,770.74</b>
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Staff then reported that this revenue will be allocated for the 2005-06 Fiscal Year as follows:

Awards Luncheon Seed Money	\$2,500.00
Domestic Violence Grants	\$1,000.00
Commissioners' Fund	\$26,078.06
President's Fund	\$8,692.69

Commissioners asked staff to prepare an analysis of funds for the 5k. Commissioners also requested that the Finance Committee make a recommendation on whether to amend the trust fund criteria to increase the allocation for domestic violence grants.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Staff reported that the Board of Supervisors allocated \$24.6 million to address the problem of homelessness in the County. Staff also announced that the NACW Convention would take place this week in Miami, Florida.

### **REPORT ON 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS RECEPTION**

President Davalos reported that this morning the Awards Committee reviewed evaluations of the Awards Reception on June 6, 2005. Commissioners suggested expediting the program next year by encouraging briefer awardee speeches and making presentations to sponsors during lunch. President Davalos requested commissioners to submit any additional evaluations and suggestions to the Awards Committee, which will schedule another follow-up meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Health Committee:** Commissioner Creary reported that the next committee meeting will be August 8, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. and that she and other commissioners attended the Office of Women's Health African American Women's Health Initiative at Exposition Park on June 23, 2005.

**Domestic Violence Subcommittee:** Commissioner Rodriguez requested that the Commission agendaize making a financial contribution to the Mid-Wilshire Domestic Violence Collaborative awards event in October. She also announced a career opportunity for the Executive Director position of the Domestic Violence Council and spoke on the ICAN Child Abuse Domestic Violence Task Force pilot project.

Commissioner Freeman suggested that the Commission schedule a presentation on homelessness among women in Los Angeles County.

<b><u>REPORT OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></b>	
<b><u>COMMISSIONER ATTENDING</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION OF EVENT(S)</u></b>
Commissioner Freeman	The 25-member Evangelical Choir from New Mexico and Arizona held 2 overnight camp meetings at her ranch in Juniper Hills on July 1 <sup>st</sup> & July 4 <sup>th</sup> .
Commissioners Gravely and Creary	Attended the Office of Women's Health dialogue on African-American Women's heart health on June 23, 2005 at Exposition Park.
Commissioner ZeBrack	Shared an experience in which a Sheriff's deputy interfered in a traffic accident.
Commissioner Rodriguez	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On July 1 she attended an Inaugural Ceremony for Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa at City Hall.</li> <li>2. The Shelter Director's Meeting and Domestic Violence Council meeting on June 21, 2005 at the Police Academy.</li> <li>3. The Mid Wilshire Domestic Violence Collaborative/Jewish Family Services at July 6, 2005.</li> <li>4. The ICAN Child Abuse Domestic Violence Task Force on June 22, 2005 at Children's Court.</li> </ol>

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Genevieve Clavreul spoke on issues related to the King/Drew Medical Center.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting, constituting a quorum.)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, the minutes of June 13, 2005 were approved with the following correction by Commissioner Becerra-Jones under Community Outreach (as indicated in bold italics):

Commissioner Creary ***and Commissioner Becerra Jones*** attended the Go Red for Women Luncheon on May 19, 2005 at the Century Plaza Hotel.

### **APPROVE PURCHASE OF TABLE TO THE GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN**

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner ZeBrack, and duly carried, with Commissioner Becerra-Jones opposing, the Commission approved the purchase of a table of ten for \$1500 for the California Governor's Conference for Women on October 27, 2005 at the Long Beach Convention Center.

### **CONSIDER SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 1285**

Commissioners discussed whether to support this bill, which is already County-sponsored.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to support AB 1285, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez.

(Commissioner Gravely was excused from the meeting.)

The motion to support AB 1285 was then tabled because of the lack of a quorum.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones inquired about requirements for committees to meet, committee membership, minutes and other committee matters. President Davalos indicated she would review the committee bylaws on these matters.

### **SET ITEM: PRESENTATION ON KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER**

Ms. Azar Kattan, Assistant Chief Operating Officer, Department of Health Services, provided an update on the Martin Luther King/Drew Medical Center. After Commissioners expressed concerns about the quality of care at the hospital, Ms. Kattan spoke of its accreditation and state licensing process and attempts to address quality issues related to nursing competence and physician management. To monitor the hospital effectively, unannounced visits have been implemented to assess the experience of hospital patients. Additional documents and DHS correspondence to the Board of Supervisors on the hospital can be accessed at [www.ladhs.org](http://www.ladhs.org). In addition, the Board has scheduled a regular presentation on the hospital at 11:00 a.m. every Tuesday Board meeting.

The Commission thanked Ms. Kattan for her informative presentation.

### **Education Subcommittee Report**

Commissioner Becerra-Jones spoke on a meeting with students at U.C.L.A. regarding the King/Drew Medical Magnet.

Commissioner Freeman suggested the Education Subcommittee look at opportunities for mentoring of students.

**MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA:** There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, President Davalos adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Karin Davalos, President  
Ruth Creary, Ph.D  
Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
Peggy J. Freeman  
Wadie Gravely  
Olivia Rodriguez  
Elise ZeBrack

### **EXCUSED**

Charlotte Lesser, Vice President  
Reiko Duba, Treasurer  
Ruth Jernigan  
Bonnie Lewis  
Janet Mummey, Esq.  
Barbara Perkins

### **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Executive Office Staff: Khanh Nguyen, Steve Erickson, Nyla Jefferson  
Azar Kattan, Health Services  
Mercedes Calzadillas, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

### **GUESTS**

Genevieve Clavreul  
Reverend Kurt Freeman